

My concern is that we not begin to designate too much emergency spending that again allows us to go over the caps, that we do not have too many advanced appropriations that begin to appropriate money; the Committee on Appropriations appropriates money, but not spend out over 13 months instead of 12, and that we do not do other items that ultimately make our efforts to balance the budget next year more and more difficult.

The bottom line, we are getting our country's financial house in order. We are seeing an economy that is thriving; we are seeing more and more revenue come into the Federal Government, and what the American people are going to have to decide is what do we do with those surplus monies.

My hope, my prayer, and my votes are going to be to pay down the national debt. But if that is not going to happen, then it must be returned to the American people in tax cuts, because if it is not returned to the American people in tax cuts, then it will be spent as we are seeing happen right now.

What I would like to place ultimately the greatest emphasis on is we have been using Social Security funds since 1960, and we came so close this past year in not spending any Social Security money, according to the Congressional Budget Office, we have not according to the President, given the fact he took \$2 billion out in reserves, and we have spent \$1 billion of it. But next year, we intend to spend no Social Security money. We are going to use all of that to pay down the public debt. It is not going to be used to pay for programs. We are going to ultimately reduce our total debt.

The question is, what happens to that true surplus, above and beyond Social Security? Will it pay down public debt? Will it be returned to the American people in tax cuts, or will it be spent? And sadly, while we are in next year's budget not going to be paying, using Social Security money to balance our budget, we are not going to be using that money, I am afraid that the money that we had reserved for taxes is now being spent, and it is being spent frankly, in large measure, because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are critical with our efforts to cut spending, even though they say we are spending too much in certain areas, they have opposed any efforts to try to cut spending or slow the growth in spending.

Mr. Speaker, if we cannot cut spending, if we cannot control the growth in government spending, there will be no money for tax cuts. It will all be spent.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 11 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST H.R. 1555, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT, 2000

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-460) on the resolution (H. Res. 364) waiving points of order against the bill (H.R. 1555) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 76, WAIVING CERTAIN ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 106TH CONGRESS

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-461) on the resolution (H. Res. 365) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general appropriations or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1714, ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-462) on the resolution (H. Res. 366) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1714) to facilitate the use of electronic records and signatures in interstate or foreign commerce, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3073, FATHERS COUNT ACT OF 1999

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-463) on the resolution (H. Res. 367) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3073) to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for grants for projects designed to promote responsible fatherhood, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for November 5 on account of official business.

Mr. OWENS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Ms. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. MENENDEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. PASCRELL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of illness.

Mr. THOMAS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. DELAURO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. REYES, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POMEROY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MINGE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. EHLERS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OXLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, for 5 minutes, November 9.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, November 9.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, November 9.